Appl. No. 09/676,381
Amdt. Dated 11/30/2005
Reply to Office Action of August 31, 2005

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-16.   (Cancelled).

17.   (Previously Presented) A source transmitter comprising:

an interface to a communications link;

a memory; and

a logic circuit to transmit an announcement stored in said memory, said announcement comprises a parameter to identify a network address and port number of a location in the memory containing metadata and an attribute to announce metadata that provides information about at least one available video program or enhancement to be received at a client receiver.

18.   (Original) The source transmitter of claim 17, wherein said announcement conforms to a Session Description Protocol (SDP).

19.   (Previously Presented) The source transmitter of clam 17, wherein said announcement comprises an identifier for said metadata.

20.   (Previously Presented) The source transmitter of claim 19, wherein said identifier comprises a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) to uniquely identify said metadata to be transmitted.

21.   (Cancelled).

22.   (Previously Presented) The source transmitter of claim 17, wherein said network address comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

Appl. No. 09/676,381
Amdt. Dated 11/30/2005
Reply to Office Action of August 31, 2005

23. (Previously Presented) The source transmitter of claim 17, wherein said logic circuit transmits said metadata after said announcement has been transmitted.

24. (Cancelled).

25. (Previously Presented) A machine readable medium comprising:

a software routine to cause a logic circuit to transmit an announcement including (i) a first attribute to announce metadata that provides information about at least one available video program or enhancement for receiving at a client receiver and (ii) a second attribute to identify a network address and a port of a location containing said metadata, said announcement is compliant with an Advanced Television Enhancement Forum (ATVEF) standard.

26. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 25, wherein said announcement conforms to a Session Description Protocol (SDP).

27. (Previously Presented) The machine readable medium of clam 25, wherein said announcement comprises an identifier for said metadata.

28. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 27, wherein said identifier comprises a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID).

29. (Previously Presented) The machine readable medium of claim 25, wherein said network address of said announcement identifies a database having stored therein said metadata.

30. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 29, wherein said network address comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

31. (Previously Presented) A source transmitter adapted a client receiver over a communication link during a communication session, comprising:
means for storing an announcement; and

Docket No: 042390P8797   Page 3 of 8   WWS/sm

means for transmitting said announcement over the communication link prior to separate transmission of at least one available video program or enhancement at a specified future time, said announcement comprises a parameter to identify a network address and port number of a location in the memory containing metadata and an attribute to announce metadata that provides information about said at least one available video program or enhancement to be received at the client receiver and a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) to uniquely identify said metadata to be transmitted.

32.   (Previously Presented) The source transmitter of clam 31, wherein said announcement conforms to a Session Description Protocol (SDP) by including a first parameter to identify an owner/creator, a second parameter to identify a name of the communication session, a third parameter providing bandwidth information of the communication link, and a fourth parameter including said UUID.

33.   (Cancelled).

34.   (Cancelled).

35.   (Previously Presented) The source transmitter of claim 31, wherein said means for transmitting said announcement transmits said metadata after said announcement has been transmitted.

Docket No: 042390P8797   Page 4 of 8   WWS/sm